

What Are the Basic Needs of Living Things?

A **need** is something that a living thing must have to survive. All living things have some basic needs. These needs include air, water, food, a home, and sunlight.

All living things need air. People and animals need clean air to breathe. They get oxygen from plants. Plants take in the carbon dioxide that people and animals exhale (breathe out).

All living things need water. Water is used for many things. All living things also need food. Plants make their own food using energy from sunlight. People get their food from plants and animals. Animals get their food from plants and other animals.

All living things need a home. Plants need a space to grow. Animals need a home. They make their home in a place that has what they need to survive. People need a shelter to live.

Living things might have other needs. For example: people need clothes, and other things.

